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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a Sonic customer, as well as a small business owner, and broadband is an absolute necessity for both my home and my business. I used to be with Comcast, but I won't go back to it for anything! Sonic has been terrific: their prices are competitive, and their service is outstanding. If I need assistance, I can reach someone by phone within minutes, and the representative never tries to convince me to upgrade my service. That was never the case with Comcast.

I have business acquaintances who, of necessity, have Comcast, but are highly dissatisfied. The monthly charges are expensive and the service is erratic. Just because a company is big does not mean it is better.

Our country has been built on small business, and on healthy competition. If competition, in the form of small businesses, is squelched, how is the United States any different from a communist country or a dictatorship?

Do not raise prices on the internet or telephone services! Most people in this country are working hard just to get by, and quality communication at a reasonable price, in this era of the internet, is not a luxury, it is a necessity.

Let small companies develop. If they are worthwhile, they will do well. If they do not provide a good service at a reasonable price, they will flounder. It is the American way.

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